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SUBJ: MBFR: QUESTIONS ON EASTERN DATA FOR USE AT THE JULY 11
INFORMAL SESSION

THERE FOLLOWS THE DRAFT TEXT OF THE QUESTIONS ON EASTERN
DATA INTENDED FOR USE AT THE JULY 11 INFORMAL SESSION.
DEL WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON COMMENTS/CLEARANCE ON THE
QUESTIONS BY OOB JULY 7 SO THAT THEY MAY BE DISCUSSED
WITH FRG AND UK DELS AT THE JULY 7 TRILATERAL SESSION
PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO AD HOC GROUP. FRG AND UK DELS
ARE AWARE OF THE THRUST OF THESE QUESTIONS, ARE GENERALLY
SUPPORTIVE OF SUCH AN APPROACH AND HAD IN FACT ALREADY AGREED
TO THE POLISH QUESTION IN TRILATERAL SESSION ON JUNE 30.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. WE HAVE INFORMALLY INDICATED THAT THE LARGEST
DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN WESTERN FIGURES FOR EASTERN FORCES
AND EASTERN FIGURES ARE IN SOVIET AND POLISH FORCES.
2. AT THIS POINT WE WOULD LIKE TO REFER SPECIFI-
CALLY TO THE FIGURES WHICH THE EAST PRESENTED ON MARCH 15
FOR SOVIET GROUND FORCE MANPOWER IN MAJOR FORMATIONS AND
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FOR POLISH GROUND FORCE MANPOWER IN MAJOR FORMATIONS.

3. THE FIGURE FOR SOVIET FORCES WHICH WE REFER TO IS
344,600. THE LIST (WESTERN REPS HAND EAST ATTACHED LIST D)
SHOWS OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITS, SUBUNITS, FORMATIONS,
AND COMMANDS WHOSE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN COUNTED IN THAT FIGURE
BY THE EAST.

4. THIS LIST HAS BEEN COMPILED ON THE BASIS OF WHAT EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SAID REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF SOVIET GROUND FORCE MANPOWER TO THE TWO CATEGORIES, AND ON THE BASIS OF WHAT EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SAID ON EARLIER OCCASIONS REGARDING THE TYPES OF UNITS AND COMMANDS THAT COMPRISE THE FORCE OF THE EASTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS.

5. WE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING HOW ALL OF THE MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ALL THE UNITS AND ELEMENTS ON THIS LIST COULD BE COVERED BY THE FIGURE OF 344,600.

6. THE SOVIET FORCES STATIONED IN THE AREA ARE KNOWN TO BE IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS. AUTHORITATIVE PUBLICATIONS INDICATE THERE ARE 27 SOVIET MOTORIZED RIFLE DIVISIONS AND TANK DIVISIONS IN THE AREA. THE STRENGTH OF THESE DIVISIONS BY THEMSELVES IS KNOWN TO BE ROUGHLY 300,000 MEN. EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SAID THAT THE PERSONNEL OF ALL THOSE DIVISIONS ARE INCLUDED IN MAJOR FORMATIONS. EVEN ALLOWING FOR SOME UNDERMANNING, IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE THAT A FIGURE OF 45,000 WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER ALL THE OTHER UNITS, SUBUNITS, FORMATIONS AND COMMANDS THAT EASTERN REPS HAVE INDICATED ARE INCLUDED IN MAJOR FORMATIONS. WE WOULD INVITE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS TOPIC.

7. THE POLISH GROUND FORCE MANPOWER IN MAJOR FORMATIONS
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WE REFER TO IS 115,000. AND THIS SECOND LIST (ATTACHED LIST E) REPRESENTS OUR UNDERSTANDING, AGAIN BASED ON WHAT EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SAID, OF THE UNITS, SUBUNITS, FORMATIONS, AND COMMANDS WHOSE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN COUNTED BY THE EAST IN THAT FIGURE.

8. AS WITH THE SOVIET FIGURE, WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW ALL OF THE MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ALL THE UNITS AND ELEMENTS ON THIS LIST COULD BE COVERED BY THE FIGURE OF 115,000.

9. THE PROBLEMS WE ARE HAVING CAN BE ILLUSTRATED BY THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLE.

10. AS IS WELL KNOWN FROM AUTHORITATIVE PUBLICATIONS, THERE ARE THIRTEEN ACTIVE POLISH MECHANIZED DIVISIONS AND TANK DIVISIONS. IT IS CLEAR FROM WHAT EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SAID THAT THE PERSONNEL OF ALL OF THESE DIVISIONS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FIGURE OF 115,000.

11. EVEN ALLOWING FOR SUBSTANTIAL UNDERMANNING OF THESE DIVISIONS, THE TOTAL MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THESE DIVISIONS WOULD AMOUNT TO ROUGHLY 85,000 - 90,000 MEN.

12. THAT LEAVES ONLY SOME 25,000 - 30,000 PERSONNEL
FOR ALL OF THE OTHER UNITS, SUBUNITS, FORMATIONS, AND
COMMANDS DESCRIBED ON THE LIST. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW
THIS FIGURE COULD ACCOUNT FOR ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ALL
THOSE UNITS, SUBUNITS, FORMATIONS, AND COMMANDS, WE WOULD
INVITE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS TOPIC.

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LIST "D"
(SOVIET FORCES)

SOVIET UNITS, SUBUNITS, FORMATIONS AND COMMANDS (#) WHOSE
PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN COUNTED IN MAJOR FORMATIONS

1. ALL DIVISIONS

2. ALL THE FOLLOWING, REGARDLESS OF SUBORDINATION
--ALL SEPARATE TANK UNITS AND SUBUNITS
--ALL SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE UNITS
--ALL ARTILLERY
--ALL AIR DEFENSE MISSILE UNITS OF BRIGADE SIZE
--ALL SOVIET TRAINING UNITS AND SUBUNITS IN THE AREA

3. ALL OF THE FOLLOWING SUBORDINATE TO SOVIET ARMIES AND TO THE
GROUPS OF SOVIET FORCES IN POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA (LESS "SUBUNITS
OF CENTRAL SUBORDINATION")

A. UNITS
--AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY
--ARMY AVIATION

--MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

--SIGNAL

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--RADIO TECHNICAL/RADIO ELECTRONICS

--UNITS FOR DEFENSE AGAINST WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

--ENGINEER

--MEDICAL

--TRANSPORTATION

--REPAIR

--SUPPLY

--GUARD

B. FUNCTIONS

--PERFORMING GUARD DUTY FOR DEPOTS, BASES, AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

--ASSIGNED TO FIRE BRIGADES FOR GARRISONS, BASES AND DEPOTS

--IN MAINTENANCE ENTERPRISES NOT BELONGING TO UNITS BUT SEPARATE FROM THEM

--IN MILITARY TRADE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS COMMISSARIES AND POST EXCHANGES OR CANTEENS

--IN CONSTRUCTION UNITS CONCERNED WITH INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS ROAD, BRIDGE, AND AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION UNITS AND ENTERPRISES

--IN CENTRAL MEDICAL SERVICES

--IN MILITARY TRANSPORTION SERVICES

--ASSIGNED TO EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES FOR TERRITORIAL FORCES

--IN MILITARY POST OFFICES AND MILITARY POSTAL SERVICES

--IN MILITARY TOPOGRAPHICAL SERVICES

--WORKING AS CLERKS, CASHIERS, CLEANING AND MAINTAINING BUILDINGS, HEATING FACILITIES

--EMPLOYED IN OFFICERS' CLUBS, SOLDIERS' CLUBS, VARIOUS KINDS OF ARTISTIC ENSEMBLES AND ORCHESTRAS (NOT MILITARY BANDS), ATHLETIC GROUPS, AND RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

(#) THE WORD "UNITS" IS EMPLOYED IN ALL CASES IN THE GENERAL SENSE TO REFER TO UNITS, SUBUNITS, FORMATIONS, AND COMMANDS.

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(POLAND)

POLISH UNITS, SUBUNITS, FORMATIONS AND COMMANDS (&) WHOSE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN COUNTED IN MAJOR FORMATIONS

1. ALL UNITS OF FOLLOWING TYPES REGARDLESS OF SUBORDINATION

- MECHANIZED UNITS
- ARMORED UNITS
- AIRBORNE UNITS
- MISSILE (SSM) UNITS

2. ALL BRIGADES REGARDLESS OF TYPE

3. ALL UNITS OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES WHICH ARE SUBORDINATE TO
MILITARY DISTRICTS

- ARMY AVIATION
- AIR DEFENSE MISSILE (SAM)
- MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
- SIGNAL
- ENGINEER
- RADIO TECHNICAL/RADIO ELECTRONICS
- UNITS FOR DEFENSE AGAINST WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
- MEDICAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- REPAIR
- SUPPLY
- GUARDS

4. ALL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO VOYEDODSHIP STAFFS

5. PERSONNEL PERFORMING THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF FUNCTIONS,
SUBORDINATE TO MILITARY DISTRICTS

- PERFORMING GUARD DUTY FOR DEPOTS, BASES, AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS
- ASSIGNED TO FIRE BRIGADES FOR GARRISONS, BASES AND DEPOTS

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- FOR MAINTENANCE ENTERPRISES, NOT BELONGING TO UNITS BUT SEPARATE
FROM THEM
- IN MILITARY TRADE ORGANIZATIONS
- IN CONSTRUCTION UNITS CONCERNED WITH INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS ROAD,
BRIDGE, AND AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION UNITS AND ENTERPRISES
- IN CENTRAL MEDICAL SERVICES
- IN MILITARY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
- ASSIGNED TO EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES FOR TERRITORIAL
FORCES
- IN MILITARY POST OFFICES AND MILITARY POSTAL SERVICES
- IN MILITARY TOPOGRAPHICAL SERVICES
- WORKING AS CLERKS, CASHIERS, CLEANING AND MAINTAINING BUILDUP
AND/OR HEATING FACILITIES
- EMPLOYED IN OFFICERS' CLUBS, SOLDIERS' CLUBS, VARIOUS KINDS OF
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